

PARKS, RECREATION & ARTS UPDATE

For more information, call Parks and Recreation at 952-563-8877.

Goblin up the fun



Bloomington's Annual City-wide **Halloween Party** will take place on **Friday, October 31, from 6 - 8 p.m. at Northwestern Health Sciences University, West 84th Street and Penn Avenue South**. Preschoolers through fourth graders, accompanied

by an adult, are invited to this fun and safe event. Activities include "Trick-or-Treat Alley," games, prizes, coloring contest awards and much more. Admission is free, but please bring a non-perishable food item for the V.E.A.P. Food Shelf. The event is sponsored by the City of Bloomington, Bloomington Breakfast Optimist Club and Northwestern Health Sciences University.

The coloring contest is available on-line at www.ci.bloomington.mn.us, keyword "Halloween." ♦



Adult Sports

Tennis Lessons

When: October 22 - November 27.
Times: *Beginner* Wednesdays, 7:30 - 8:30 p.m.
Intermediate Thursdays, 12 - 1 p.m.
Where: 98th St. Northwest Athletic Club.
Cost: \$51.

Men's Basketball League

When: Starts Tuesday, December 2.
International C Tuesdays.
Industrial D Wednesdays.
Continental C Thursdays.
National D Sundays.
Where: Bloomington Armory, 3300 W. 98th St.
Cost: \$480 per team.
Deadline: November 7.

Women's Basketball League

When: Sunday afternoons starting December 7.
Where: Bloomington Armory, 3300 W. 98th St.
Cost: \$480 per team.
Deadline: November 7.

Three Rivers Park District



Located in the heart of Bloomington, the 1,000-acre Hyland Lake Park Reserve offers numerous fall activities for all ages and abilities. Equipment rental and lessons are available at reasonable rates. For more information, call 952-941-4362 or visit www.threeriversparkdistrict.org.

Hyland Ski and Snowboard Area Ski School

Hyland Ski and Snowboard Area offers downhill skiing and snowboarding lessons for all skill levels.

Hyland Lake Visitor Center952-941-4362
Richardson Nature Center952-941-7993
Hyland Ski and Snowboard Area763-694-7800
Three Rivers Park District Trail Hotline763-559-6778
Three Rivers Park District Program Infoline..763-559-6721

Three sessions for adults, juniors, children and preschool groups are offered throughout the season. Most sessions last four weeks. Lessons are 1-1/2 hours, but may vary with class size, weather and program. All classes are filled on a "first-come" basis; class sizes are limited and fill quickly. Class pre-registration will be held October 14 - 29. For more information, call 763-694-7800 or visit www.hyland-ski.com.

Fall Programs

Three Rivers Park District offers many programs, demonstrations, activities and workshops. For more information, call 763-559-6700 or register at www.threeriversparks.com ♦



AR&LE



Adaptive Recreation & Learning Exchange

The Adaptive Recreation and Learning Exchange offers fun programs and informative classes for individuals with disabilities living in the southern metro area. Sponsored by the cities of Bloomington, Eden Prairie, Edina and Richfield, and the

Community Education Adults with Disabilities programs in these communities, AR&LE produces a quarterly catalog that details all of its year-round activities. For more information, call Parks and Recreation. ♦

Galaxy Youth Centers

- ♦ Oak Grove Middle School, 1300 West 106th Street.
- ♦ Olson Middle School, 4551 West 102nd Street.
- ♦ Valley View Middle School, 8900 Portland Avenue.

Galaxy Youth Centers provide a safe, nurturing environment for youth, grades six to eight. Activities include music, foosball, ping-pong, billiards, video games, arts and crafts, service projects and sports. For

more information, call 952-681-5806. ♦



Bloomington Center for the Arts

Events are held at Bloomington Center for the Arts, 1800 West Old Shakopee Road, except where noted. For more information, call 952-563-4777.

Bloomington Art Center (BAC)

BAC Gallery Players present

The Mousetrap

Dohn Thibault directs the classic whodunit by Agatha Christie.

When: 3 p.m. Sunday, October 12;
Saturdays, October 18, 25,
November 1.
7:30 p.m. Thursdays, October 16, 23, 30.
Fridays, October 10, 17, 24*, 31.
Saturdays, October 11, 18, 25,
November 1.

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Where: Schneider Theater.
Tickets: \$12 (group tickets available).

A Christmas Carol

Dohn Thibault directs a Radio Theater Live performance of Dickens' classic holiday tale.

When: Friday, December 12; Saturday, December 13.
Time: 7:30 p.m.
Where: Black Box Theater.
Tickets: \$7.

4th Annual Benefit Gala – Disco Fever!

Come enjoy a fabulous dinner, silent and live auctions, live music and a raffle drawing for a lovely piece of jewelry.

When: Saturday, November 15.
Time: 6 p.m.
Where: Minnesota Valley Country Club, 6300 Auto Club Rd.
Cost: \$75 per person (\$25 is tax deductible).

Guitar Concert

Jazz guitarist Paul Hintz will perform a concert of mainstream jazz songs on a seven-string guitar. The concert is co-sponsored by the Minnesota Guitar Society and BAC.

When: Saturday, November 15.
Time: 7:30 p.m.
Where: Black Box Theater.
Tickets: \$1.

What's developing

The renewal of Bloomington is taking shape as several redevelopment projects get underway. These projects enhance our community by creating housing alternatives and revitalizing commercial areas.

For more information, visit the City's Web site at www.ci.bloomington.mn.us, keywords "development directory" or call 952-563-8920. ♦



1 94th Street & Lyndale Avenue

A groundbreaking ceremony was held in August for Realife, a 96-unit senior cooperative. The project, located at 94th Street and Lyndale Avenue, replaces a lumber company, a retail building and a gas station. Construction of the cooperative on the 4.25-acre site is expected to take 12 - 13 months.

2 84th Street & Lyndale Avenue

The Housing and Redevelopment Authority, in partnership with United Properties, is considering plans to construct a new Cub Foods store and 10,000 square foot retail center, 80 units of senior housing and 50 to 60 townhouses on the current Cub Foods and Budget Power sites.

3 Penn Avenue & Old Shakopee Road

The construction of Bloomington Civic Plaza at 1800 West Old Shakopee Road made the former municipal site at 2215 West Old Shakopee Road available for redevelopment. The develop-

er of the seven-acre site will apply to the City to develop 40 townhouses and 128 condominiums. The estimated value of the project is around \$50 million and will result in a substantial increase in the City's tax base. Construction is expected to begin in spring 2004.

4 France Avenue & I-494

United Properties will develop an 80,000 square foot medical office building on a vacant parcel in Northland Plaza near the intersection of France Avenue and I-494. Construction is scheduled to begin this fall. Future development on the 4.5-acre site may include an additional 120,000 square feet of office space.

5 Mall of America Next Phase

Plans have been approved for the Mall of America's expansion on the former Met Center site. The proposed preliminary development plan includes a 2.25 million square foot integrated mixed-use center to be built in phases. The expansion has retail, hotel, office and entertainment elements.

Next phase begins

The Mall's next phase kicks off with the construction of a 330,000 square foot IKEA home furnishings store. Grading, foundation and steel work are well underway. The store is scheduled to open summer 2004.



Zoning ordinance revision study

The City's Planning Division is undertaking a study to determine whether to ease restrictions on certain home and "one-person" occupations, including therapeutic massage, barber shops, beauty parlors, dress shops, dog grooming and watch repair businesses, by removing them from the temporary conditional use permit lists in the zoning ordinance. If removed, these occupations would be allowed as "permitted" or "permitted accessory" uses in all zoning districts.

Dual review process

The City Code currently regulates many home occupa-

tions and "one-person" businesses through both licensing and zoning procedures. The original intent of the dual review process was to protect the general public from "unsavory" businesses. Over the years, these concerns have proven to be unfounded.

Unnecessary extra step

Planning staff has found that regulating such uses under the City's Zoning Ordinance has been a redundant and potentially unnecessary "extra" step in the City's review process. In most cases, current City licensing provisions can handle all moral, professional and facility issues that may

arise for such occupations.

Complaints or concerns rare

The current dual process mandated by the City's Zoning Ordinance can often be an economic burden for "one-person" businesses and an unnecessary administrative process. Research also indicates that the few applications that have been received have rarely generated resident complaint or concern.

Further study

The City will continue to review and solicit comments regarding Zoning Ordinance revisions. For more information, call Stephanie Warhol at 952-563-8928. ♦

My World

Up-to-date information on a property in Bloomington is just a click away. Visit the City's Web site to link to data in our Geographic Information System, including:

♦ **Property Information** - Find out who owns the property, its size, zoning or historical significance. Links will take you to a plat drawing of the lot and Hennepin County's Property Information Search.

♦ **My Neighborhood** - See what projects are underway within a quarter-mile radius of a parcel. Listed projects include development, City street construction and permitted utility work in the rights-of-way.

♦ **Zoning Information** - View a parcel's zoning designations with a link to the City Code's zoning descriptions.

For more information, visit www.ci.bloomington.mn.us, keywords "my world." ♦

Breast Cancer Awareness Month



October is National Breast Cancer Awareness Month – a time to educate the public about breast cancer and remind women how to lessen their risks of dying from this disease.

Awareness is key

All women are at some risk for breast cancer. More than 75 percent of newly diagnosed cases did not have any additional risk factors for this disease beyond their sex and age.

Screenings are important

One of the best actions that women, age 40 and older, can take to fight

breast cancer is to get regular screenings via a mammogram. Mammograms can detect a tumor even before it can be felt. When cancer is found early, the five-year survival rate exceeds 95 percent.

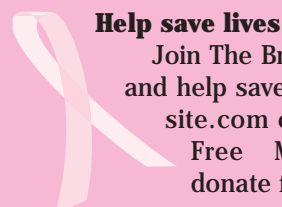
Lower your risks

Mammograms are important in a woman's fight against breast cancer, but they are not 100 percent accurate. Clinical breast exams and monthly self-exams, as well as diet and exercise, are other ways to lower cancer risks. For more

information, talk with your doctor or call Public Health at 952-563-8900. ♦

Affordable mammograms

Free/low-cost mammograms are available to women who meet age and financial qualifications. For more information, call Public Health at 952-563-8900 V/TTY or the Mall of America Sage Clinic at 612-623-5001.



Help save lives

Join The Breast Cancer Site's Chain of Hope, and help save lives. Visit www.thebreastcancer-site.com every day and click on the "Fund Free Mammograms." Sponsors will donate funds for each click.

Services earn appreciation from women:

"Because of career transitioning, a high major medical deductible and income challenges, I had put off my mammogram for two years. On November 29, I had my mammogram, ultrasound and two cysts aspirated (removed). The cysts were benign, but I can't help wonder – had I waited another two years because of my financial challenges, would I have been in serious trouble? Thank you for providing this incredible service."

"I just want to tell you that this visit was the most pleasant I have ever had. Every person was compassionate and considerate and also kept me informed. Thank you very much."

"Words cannot describe how much I appreciate your free services. I've never been down like this, you have been a godsend."

Get on the bus



Need a lift to Creekside Community Center, medical appointments, grocery shopping, employment, education programs or recreation activities? Bloomington bus service is a group route, door-to-door transportation service with wheelchair lift-equipped buses. Eligible riders include

older adults, people with disabilities, low-income individuals, families, children and youth. Child seats are available upon request for children age four and under. For fees and route information, call 952-563-4952. For reservations, call 952-563-4948; 952-563-4957 V/TTY. ♦

Bloomington Yesterday

Thomas Oxborough House – Mid-1800s

Thomas Oxborough was one of four brothers who homesteaded in Bloomington in the mid-1800s. Thomas was born in England in 1814 and moved to Minnesota with his brothers – John, Robert and William – in 1853. Thomas built this house on a farm near the present-day Lyndale Avenue and 90th Street. The farms of his three brothers were also located in the area. The house was torn down when the area was developed in the 1960s. ♦



Bloomington Historical Society

The following activities take place at Creekside Community Center, 9801 Penn Avenue South. For more information, call 952-563-4948; 952-563-4957 V/TTY or visit www.ci.bloomington.mn.us, keyword "creekside."

Senior programs

Get acquainted, get active

Discover what Human Services' Senior Program has to offer older adults. "Get Acquainted with Creekside" is an informal opportunity to learn about ongoing programs, services and activities. Meetings are the first Wednesday of every month from 10 - 11 a.m.

Read all about it

The October-December edition of *Senior Splash*, a quarterly catalog featuring programs, services and activities for seniors in Bloomington, is available at public facilities throughout the community. To join the mailing list, call Creekside.

If I had a hammer

Watch your projects take shape at Creekside's woodshop. Tools and power saws are available for use under the direction of a volunteer foreman. Participants must pass a proficiency test. The woodshop is open Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays from 9 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Senior Housing Directory available

The updated 2003-2004 *Senior Housing Directory* is now available at Creekside. This valuable comprehensive guide for older adults provides information on market rate and subsidized apartment rentals, and assisted living services in the metropolitan area. Information on purchasing a condominium or townhome is also included in this free directory published by Senior Housing, Inc.

Shall we dance?

The Senior Program's annual fall dance is scheduled for Tuesday, October 21, from 7 - 9 p.m. at the Bloomington Armory, 3300 West 98th Street. The event includes refreshments, door prizes and music by the Jolly Nobles. Cost is a \$3 donation, payable at the door. For transportation, call Creekside. ♦

Life is Like a Valued Patchwork

Human Services offers exciting learning opportunities the fourth Wednesday of each month from 9:15 - 10:30 a.m. Unless noted, cost is \$3 and includes a continental breakfast. To register, call Creekside. For transportation, call 952-563-4948. ♦

Wednesday, November 26 Estate Planning

Join Attorney Dale Klitzke for this seminar on basic wills and trusts as he covers asset protection, probate, court procedures, power of attorney, health care declarations and more.

Wednesday, October 22 Exploring Disabilities and Possibilities

Celebrate Disability Employment and Awareness Month by increasing your disability awareness with staff from Adaptive Recreation & Learning Exchange.

Disability Employment Awareness Month

Human Services celebrates Disability Employment Awareness Month with activities and events in October. The goal of this month-long effort is to provide an opportunity for all people with disabilities to learn about job requirements, obtain information about job placement and training programs, learn about community advocacy programs and educate businesses about the benefits of hiring individuals with disabilities. For a complete listing of activities, visit the City's Web site at ci.bloomington.mn.us, keyword "disability." ♦

Voting FAQs

Who is eligible to vote?

You are eligible to vote if you are:

- ◆ At least 18 years of age.
- ◆ A U.S. citizen.
- ◆ A Minnesota resident for at least 20 days before the election.

You are not eligible to vote if you are:

- ◆ A convicted felon whose civil rights have not been restored.
- ◆ Under the guardianship of another person.
- ◆ Found by a court of law to be legally incompetent.

Can I register to vote on Election Day?

Yes. You will need one of the following to verify your residence:

- ◆ A current, valid Minnesota driver's license, learner's permit or identification card or receipt for one that contains your address in the precinct.
- ◆ A "Notice of Late Registration" card mailed to you by your registration office.
- ◆ A registered voter in the precinct where you live to vouch for your residence.
- ◆ Valid registration at another address in the same precinct.
- ◆ A Minnesota driver's license, U.S. passport, U.S. military identification card or student identification card that includes your name and photo AND an original utility bill that includes your name and current address in the precinct and has a due date within 30 days of Election Day.
- ◆ A student photo ID, registration or fee statement with your current address.

Can I vote by absentee ballot?

You can vote by absentee ballot if you are unable to vote in person on Election Day because you are:

- ◆ Away from home.
- ◆ Disabled or ill.
- ◆ An election judge serving in another precinct.
- ◆ Unable to go to the polling place due to a religious holiday or beliefs.

Applications for absentee ballots are available at City Hall or on the City's Web site at www.ci.bloomington.mn.us, keyword "voting."

Can I get assistance?

Voting assistance is available at the polling places to accommodate persons with disabilities. Ask the election judges for assistance if you need:

- ◆ Help to read or mark your ballot.
- ◆ Use of a magnifying device.
- ◆ Use of a chair at the voting booth.
- ◆ Curbside voting.

All polling places are accessible, with clearly marked doors and parking spaces. For more information, call Voter Registration at 952-563-8729; TTY 952-563-8740. ◆

2003 General Election



Tuesday, November 4
Polling locations open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

City and School District elections take the spotlight in this year's November 4 General Election. Offices on the ballot include:

- ◆ Council at Large.
- ◆ Council District I.
- ◆ Council District II.
- ◆ Council District III.
- ◆ Council District IV.
- ◆ School Board members.
- ◆ School District referendum.

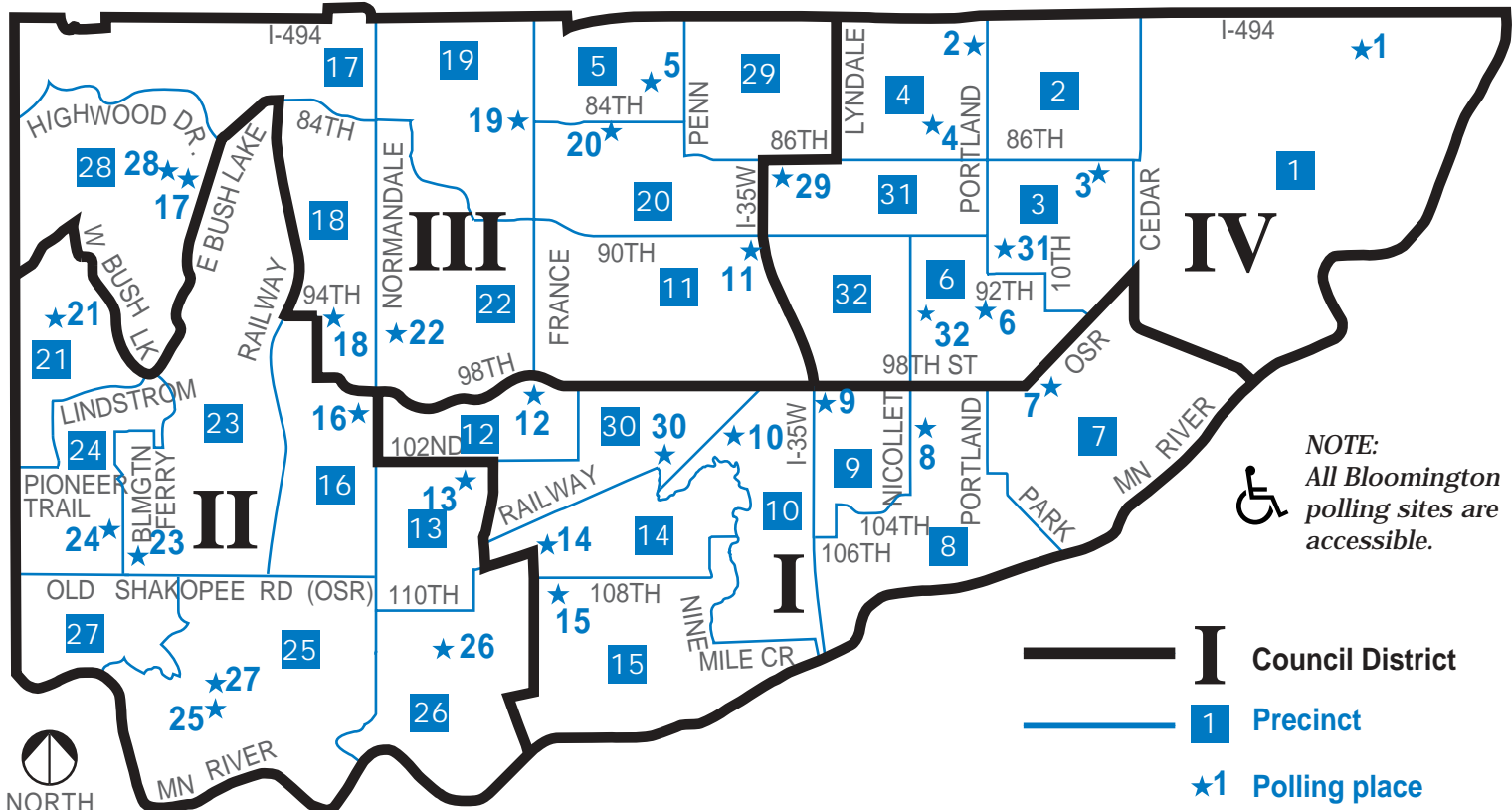
Voting improvements

In 2003, changes were made to improve citizen's voting experience. They include:

- ◆ Precinct boundaries were adjusted to provide improved service to voters. Six new precincts were created, increasing the number of polling places in the City from 26 to 32.
- ◆ Some precinct polling places were relocated to different buildings.
- ◆ A postcard with precinct polling location information was mailed in August to registered voters.

Before going to the polls on Election Day, voters should verify their polling location. See map. For more information, visit the City's Web site at www.ci.bloomington.mn.us, keyword "voting," or call Voter Registration at 952-563-8729. ◆

2003 Bloomington polling places



PRECINCT/POLLING LOCATION	ENTRANCE/PARKING
1 MN Valley National Wildlife Refuge 3815 East 80th Street	West entrance Visitor lot (W)
2 Portland Avenue Methodist Church 8000 Portland Avenue South	Main entrance West lot
3 Cedar Valley Church 8600 Bloomington Avenue	North entrance North lot
4 Emmaus Lutheran Church 8443 2nd Avenue South	East entrance East lot
5 Southtown Baptist Church 2600 West 82nd Street	Main entrance (E) East lot
6 Bloomington Lutheran Church 9350 Portland Avenue South	Main entrance South lot
7 Indian Mounds Elementary School 9801 - 11th Avenue South	Main entrance (N) Northwest lot
8 Riverside Reformed Church 10201 Nicollet Avenue South	North entrance East lot
9 Nativity of Mary School 9901 East Bloomington Freeway	NE sch. entrance NE lot
10 St. Luke's Lutheran Church 1701 West Old Shakopee Road	NE entrance North lot
11 Bloomington Christian Church 9000 West Bloomington Freeway	South entrance South lot
12 Crosspoint Church 9801 France Avenue South	Main entrance (E) East lot
13 Hubert Olson Elementary School 4501 West 102nd Street	Main entr. (NW) West lot - disabled use front drive
14 Mount Hope Lutheran Church 3601 West Old Shakopee Road	Main entrance (S) South lot
15 Westwood Elementary School 3701 West 108th Street	Main entrance (N) West lot
16 Normandale Hylands United Methodist Church 9920 Normandale Boulevard South	NE entrance (Left doors) North lot

PRECINCT/POLLING LOCATION	ENTRANCE/PARKING
17 Peace Lutheran Church 8600 East Bush Lake Road	Main entrance North lot
18 The Church of St Edward's 9401 Nesbitt Avenue South	SW entrance - upper level, SW lot
19 St. Stephen Lutheran Church 8400 France Avenue South	Main entrance (W) West lot
20 Washburn Elementary School 8401 Xerxes Avenue South	Main entrance NE lot
21 Sunrise Park Shelter 9401 Bloomington Ferry Road	Only entrance (N) North lot
22 Normandale Hills Elem School 9501 Toledo Avenue South	Main entrance West lot
23 Community of the Cross Lutheran Church 10701 Bloomington Ferry Road	Main entrance (N) North lot
24 Bloomington Lutheran School 10600 Bloomington Ferry Road	Main entrance (S) S lot - disabled use East side
25 Bethany Missionary Church 6900 Auto Club Road	West entrance W and N lots
26 Southwood Elementary School 4901 West 112th Street	West entrance West lot
27 Bethany Missionary Gymnasium 6900 Auto Club Road	Main entrance South lot
28 Bloomington Fire Station #6 8601 Lakeview Road	Main entrance N. lot and Street
29 Christ the King Lutheran Church 8600 Fremont Avenue South	SW entrance Southwest lot
30 Oak Grove Presbyterian Church 2200 West Old Shakopee Road	Main entrance Northeast lot
31 St. Bonaventure Catholic Church 901 East 90th Street (Social Hall)	Main entrance East lot
32 Oxboro Evangelical Free Church 9431 Nicollet Avenue South	North entrance North lot